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RAJYA SABHA

Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 1971

1127. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently enforced Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 1971 throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and purpose of issuance of the order;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been an adverse reaction to the order amongst the Non-Resident Indians living abroad and their hosts and relations in this country; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Government of India has only reiterated its earlier orders issued in 1971 in order to check illegal migration from the neighbouring countries. A number of representations have been received requesting to review the order. It has been decided to issue a fresh order placing a responsibility on an Indian Citizen to inform the police if he accommodates a foreigner in the premises occupied or owned by him and has reason to believe that a foreigner has entered India without valid documents or is staying in the country beyond authorized period of stay.

Petitions received by NHRC

1128. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the NHRC has closed any of these petitions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the NHRC for the speedy disposal of the petitions received by it from time to time?